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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of)
E. POWERS, doing business under the)
name and style of MANTECA TELEPHONE) Application No. 2124.
& TELEGRAPH COMPANY, for permission)
to increase telephone rates.)

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N.

This is an application on behalf of E. Powers, doing business under the name and style of Manteca Telephone and Telegraph Company, in the town of Manteca and its immediate vicinity in San Joaquin County, for authority to increase his switching rates for two-party line service from \$1.25 per month to \$1.50 per month.

A public hearing was held in Manteca on April 12, 1916. From the evidence it appears that applicant's present schedule provides for an eight-party line switching service for \$1.00 per month and a two-party line service for \$1.25 per month, and he will, if this application is granted, establish a four-party line service at the rate of \$1.25 per month, so that the effect of granting the application would be to require the patrons of applicant who now have a two-party service either to take a four-party service or else to pay 25¢ per month additional for each two-party service.

Applicant submitted a statement showing the operating revenues for the last year from all sources as \$1,904.39.

He also submitted a statement of his operating expenses for the same period. The statement as amended and corrected by applicant at the hearing, and allowing applicant a salary of \$25.00 per month as manager, is as follows:

Operators (two).....	\$ 540.00
Bookkeeper and relief operator	360.00
Lineman.....	445.10
Taxes.....	65.92
Rent.....	120.00
Manager.....	<u>300.00</u>
Total.....	\$1831.02

The exchange is kept open day and night and while the bookkeeper and the manager spend only a portion of their time on telephone work, we consider their salary allowances reasonable. The above operating expenses make no allowance for either interest or depreciation upon the telephone property. Applicant has submitted a statement of the original cost new of the property used and useful in his telephone business as \$2,671.15.

Under all the circumstances of this case, including the fact that of applicant's 101 present subscribers only two will be affected by the proposed change of rates, we feel that the application should be granted.

O R D E R.

E. POWERS, doing business under the name and style of MANTECA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing him to increase the monthly switching rate on two-party line service from \$1.25 to \$1.50, and a public hearing having been held, and the application having been submitted,

WE HEREBY FIND AS A FACT that the rates herein-
after authorized are just and reasonable.

Basing our conclusion upon the foregoing finding
of fact and upon the further findings of fact contained in the
Opinion which precedes this Order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and he is
hereby authorized to place in effect and file with this Commission
and thereafter, until otherwise ordered by this Commission, charge
subscribers the following rates, to become effective May 1, 1916:

Switching charge for two-party service.....\$1.50 per month.
Switching charge for four-party service..... 1.25 per month.

The authority herein granted is granted subject
to the condition that applicant shall, within thirty (30) days
from the date of this Order, file with this Commission a complete
schedule of rates as revised in accordance with this Order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st.
day of April, 1916.

Max Thelen
W. H. Sullivan
Alex Gordon
Commissioners.